



State of Washington

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: HUMPTULIPS HATCHERY POLLUTION ABATEMENT POND RENOVATION

Description of Proposal:

This project includes modification of an existing pollution abatement system at the WDFW Humptulips Hatchery. This pollution abatement system consists of two earthen ponds that are used to treat water laden with fish waste generated from cleaning of fish rearing ponds. Only one of the existing pollution abatement ponds will be modified and use continued for pollution abatement (pond 1). The second pond (pond 2) will be taken out of service for pollution abatement and left unfilled and unused until future use is identified.

Renovation activities occurring in pond 1 will stay within the same footprint as the existing pond. The specific components of this project are:

1. Install 89.5 by 32.5 foot concrete pond within the existing pollution abatement pond footprint. Maximum depth of pond is 8 feet.
2. New concrete pond will have two settling basins and overflow/decant tank.
3. Connect to existing drain for clarified water outflow.
4. Install a vinyl pond cover over entire structure to reduce algae growth.
5. Install sleeve within existing pipe connecting fish rearing ponds to pollution abatement ponds.
6. Modify drain in pond 2 to allow unrestricted drainage after use is suspended.
7. Installation of a new venturi vacuum pump and water delivery lines.

Proponent/Applicant:

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Humptulips Hatchery, 1704 Kirkpatrick Rd, Humptulips, Washington, 98665 Grays Harbor County; Section 12, Township 20 North, Range 11 West WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **March 20, 2013**.

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Bob Zeigler

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/> Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Bob Zeigler at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-2578.

DATE OF ISSUE: March 5, 2013

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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